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## Where's Eightmile?

(Following is an editorial which appeared in the April 12 issue of the Eugene Register-Guard and which has to do with all well-known Morrow county community. It said . . .

### 8 Miles from What?

A Corvallis mapmaker named Eddie Chandler is, we understand, now up in Morrow County, armed with a tape measure and a fish pole. The tape measure is for use in finding an elusive town. The fish pole is for use in a project that is nobody's business but Eddie's.

He's looking for Eightmile, Eightmile, Ore., which is somewhere in Morrow County. Maps he checked while preparing a new map of the area show Eightmile in several places, some of them as much as 17 miles apart.

Sure hope he finds it. We checked three maps here and all three put it in the same place, about a quarter of an inch west of the road from Hepner to Spray and about an inch east of Condon.

But that's not where it belongs, according to the usually authoritative "Oregon Geographic Names" by Lewis A. McArthur. This monumental work says the town got its name from Eightmile Canyon which is eight miles up Willow Creek from the Columbia River. That would put Eightmile two full inches from the dots on the maps we checked, and two inches is right close to 40 miles, 23 miles farther off base than Eddie Chandler's maps showed.

We await with interest the results of Eddie's tape measure work, and also a report on how he made out with that fish pole.

Don Campbell, now a resident of Eugene who formerly lived in Morrow county, advised the Register-Guard editor by letter of the whys and wherefores of our Eightmile and told him that it is now only an area with nothing but an abandoned school house at the location of the sign marking the spot.

Actually, the Corvallis mapmaker may have chosen just the right tool to bring with him to find our Eightmile for if he measures the distance between the two signs that mark the spot, a tape measure would be the most useful thing we can think of. If our memory serves us correctly the two signs are on the opposite sides of a 4 by 4 post so if the wandering mapmaker will stop by we'll be glad to show him where our 4-inch-wide Eightmile is. It may not be very big, but we're glad to have it in Morrow county and we want it to stay here. What it is eight miles from, though, we don't know either. Maybe its just eight miles from any place that is eight miles from Eightmile.

What Mr. Chandler is going to do with his fish pole, though will have to be his own business. We've got a couple of pretty fair trout staked out for the opening of the season and we're not about to help anybody find them before we do.

## From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

The county weed spray program got under way this week with Calvin Yackley as sprayer operator. First spraying was in the Boardman-Irrigon area. Russian thistle are coming along quite rapidly and it appears as though spraying for these weeds on county roads will begin in full scale operation next week. Spraying for annual weeds which interfere with grading of county roads will continue until early June when perennial noxious weeds will be ready to be

sprayed. It appears with the good spring moisture that weeds will germinate quite readily so that a good kill can be obtained with a one-over spraying. The cooperation of all farmers will be appreciated to assist the new sprayer operator in locating the sources of water and weed infestation to hold down the cost of operation. Farmers may contact the weed spray operator when he is in their community or report of weed infestations and other weed problems to this office. Mr. Yackley replaces Cal Carson who was weed spray operator for four years and has resigned to work full time for the county road department.

Word has been received that payment to farmers who take

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## A Dangerous Conflict

Ever since the start of the Shrine East-West All Star football game, its date has been sandwiched in between several important events in Eastern Oregon, one of which is our own Morrow county fair and rodeo. This year, however, the Shrine game has been changed to fall on Saturday, August 31, the first and largest day of our rodeo.

Such a conflict can mean only trouble for both events for many persons will want to attend or take part in both, something that is almost an impossibility. Saturday and Saturday night are very important days for the rodeo and a lack of attendance can be disastrous, for the event's only source of revenue is its paying customers. Likewise, Hepner and Morrow county staunchly has supported the Shrine game and probably sends more paying customers there than any other community of its size. The Hepner band is a vital part of the rodeo parade, as are the other visiting high school bands, yet Shrine festivities also start early in the day and most of those bands want to play in the Shrine parade and at the game in the evening. They cannot do both.

The Morrow county fair and rodeo certainly has no exclusive right to the date, but over the years it has established itself as the big Eastern Oregon event of Labor Day weekend—now almost accepted as a tradition.

We hope that the Shrine game date can be changed back to its former schedule of the week ahead of our fair, for it is impossible to change our fair date later into September—it would rob local exhibitors of their chance to show at the state fair which opens on Labor Day. If the change cannot be made, it is certain that both events will suffer materially.

## We'll Wait . . . !

If there was anyone left in Morrow county who questioned that we had an "unusual" winter and spring, they certainly should have gotten their doubts settled last Friday. Anytime we get a twister in this section of the world, its "unusual," but we had one that day.

That tornado which traveled about 20 miles before breaking up was genuine and though it fortunately didn't hit any buildings it gave a great many persons a real scare . . . and with good reason. Fences and power or phone poles apparently were the main sufferers from the storm, but had it moved only a short distance farther, the town of Lexington could have suffered and there were many people there who didn't at all like what they saw coming their way.

As far as can be determined, the last such horrible example of what a storm can do was just 70 years ago, when a similar tornado did strike Lexington doing considerable damage and killing one woman. At about that same time, according to our information, the town of Long Creek was hit by a twister, and the Monument area also saw one strike in the valley.

We didn't get to a vantage point quite in time to view Friday's black funnel before it dissipated, but its all right with us if we are forced to wait another 70 years before we get our second chance.

part in the Soil Bank acreage reserve program will be made when compliance with the programs provisions can be fully determined. Compliance with Soil Bank acreage limitations is in general on harvested rather than planted acreage basis so

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

From Files of the Gazette Times  
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Word was received by this paper this week is to the effect that Arthur W. Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Campbell, will upon his graduation from the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, accept a position as research chemist for the Goodrich Rubber company of Akron, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nickerson motored to Portland on Sunday where they spent several days this week.

Henry Peterson and family were in the city Saturday from their home in the Gooseberry section.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Booher of Hepner were visitors of Corda Saling in Hardman Sunday.

Miss Mildred Farrens was chosen to represent Hardman Union high school in the oratorical contest to be held in Hepner Friday evening.

A. C. Crowell and family and Harry Cool and family were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bauman of Lexington Sunday.

In most instances compliance cannot be checked until harvest time. It is hoped then that payment can be made here in Morrow county in the early part of the summer.

Considerable interest is being shown by superintendents of the

Morrow county fair in the annual spring workshop which will be held at Corvallis on April 22 and 23. The fair board recently voted to encourage participation by the superintendents by making a contribution to them to pay for expenses and time spent at the workshop. Those who have indicated to this office that they will attend are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson, Mrs. L. E. Ruhl, Mrs. J. R. Huffman, Don Robinson, Mrs. Ernest Heliker, and Mrs. William Labhart. The workshop is set up for the purpose to help promote better fairs through consideration of ways of improving fair management, production and display of products. During the two day workshop superintendents will meet in work groups to get ideas and exchange methods of doing things. There will be a discussion on making the fair attractive, selling the fair, and other points for improving county fairs.

Farmers are reminded that this year they must sign requests to protect their wheat acreage allotment if they are under planted accidentally or intentionally. Farmers were notified by the ASC office last week of this change which requires that these requests be signed and filled in the local ASC office by May 1. The signed requests protect your allotment through maintaining the wheat acreage history. The new provisions for this were made under the Soil Bank Law.

The Morrow County Livestock Growers association executive committee meeting Tuesday evening made plans for building a stock yard corral which will be available to members for assembly, weighing and shipping livestock. The association has been reminded from time to time by many of its members that such corrals are badly needed in the area. The situation has become worse in past years as more cattle were shipped from the county by truck due to poor rail service. Many livestock growers last year had to deliver calves to Hermiston area to be weighed; this being the closest point for weighing. Thirteen livestock growers making up the executive committee agreed that contributions would be collected at the rate of 75 cents per head on all saleable cattle from members interested in this project. They also agreed that a 50 cent per head weighing fee would be charged with this refunded to contributors at the end of the year after any maintenance expenses were taken out. Non-members who might wish to use the scales would be charged the flat 50 cent weighing fee with no refund. Floyd Jones and Ralph Beamer heading up the marketing committee will begin contacting livestock growers this week.

With sizeable contributions already made the executive committee approved a bill for 400 railroad ties to get the project under way so that facilities would be available for this fall marketing season. The committee investigated several possible sites with the executive committee agreeing to build the corrals at the Bill Barratt ranch where ground is available and scales installed. The executive committee ask that a meeting of the general membership be called for Monday evening, April 22 to discuss further this project and to get the reaction of all members on the expenditure of funds from the general treasury on these facilities.

Plans were made for the annual meeting of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association which will be held at Eugene on May 6, 7 and 8. Resolutions sent to the state association after the annual meeting of the Morrow County Livestock Growers association was reviewed. It was agreed that resolutions opposing the homestead exemption and key district school bills be considered at this annual convention. It was also agreed that the as-

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